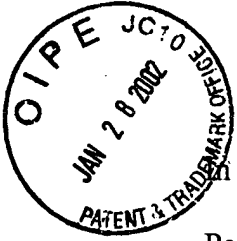


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In re application of

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001, the period for response
having been extended by two months by the accompanying petition, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject
matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 4, 13, 16, 71, 72, 74 and 75 as shown in the appended
Claims Sheets to read as follows: